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OPA Daily Digest for 1/23/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 1/23/13: Requests report-out on the West Lake Landfill public meeting held on 1/17. Due: 1/25/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 1/11/13: Requests meeting with the RA to discuss the city of Fulton's wastewater draft permit. Due: 1/18/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (Mo.) – Letter – 1/8/13: Constituent concern about a Superfund Information Request regarding Fronabarger Concreters, Inc., in Cape Girardeau. Due: 1/23/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Ward Cassidy (Ks) – Email – 1/23/13: Requesting information on wind regulations. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA – Dave Reynolds – 1/23/13: Questions about January 17 public meeting for the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Omaha World-Herald - Heineman approves Keystone XL route; pipeline's fate back in Obama's hands - 1/22/13 - Gov. Dave Heineman delighted supporters and deflated opponents of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline Tuesday when he approved a new route through Nebraska, saying the project represents a minimal environmental threat while holding substantial economic promise. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130122/NEWS/701229915/1707>
Also Scottsbluff Star-Herald (Neb.),

Nebraska Watchdog - Governor OKs Nebraska's Keystone route - 1/22/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman has approved the rerouted Keystone XL oil pipeline path through Nebraska, putting the final decision squarely in the lap of President Obama's administration. <http://watchdog.org/67109/breaking-governor-approves-new-oil-pipeline-route/>

KPTM Ch 42 Omaha - Governor Heineman Calls on President to Support Keystone Pipeline – 1/22/13 - In a letter to President Obama, Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman has asked Obama to support the Transcanada Keystone XL Oil Pipeline, projected to travel through Nebraska down to Texas. This comes after Heineman called for Obama not to support the pipeline last year, with concerns that it might hurt the environment. <http://www.kptm.com/story/20653641/governor-heineman-calls-on-president-to-support-keystone-pipeline>

Omaha World-Herald - Editorial: Nebraska's voice on pipeline is heard - 1/23/12 - Nebraskans can be proud of the work of their Legislature, their governor and their Department of

Environmental Quality, which ensured a safer, more environmentally responsible pipeline route across the state. <http://www.bigredtoday.com/article/20130123/NEWS0802/707019969>

Daily Nebraskan - Gov. Heineman approves new route for TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline - 1/22/13 - Gov. Dave Heineman approved on Tuesday a new route for TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, which moves the pipeline away from Nebraska's environmentally sensitive Sandhills region. In a letter released to President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Heineman outlined the specifics for the new route and moved the project one step closer to construction. http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/article_cc0846da-651b-11e2-b700-001a4bcf6878.html

Associated Press - Nebraska OK clears major hurdle, but final decision on Keystone pipeline still months away - 1/23/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman's approval of a revised route for the Keystone XL oil pipeline puts the long-delayed project back in the hands of the federal government. But don't look for a quick decision on the \$7 billion project, which would carry oil from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast if allowed to move forward. http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/nebraska-ok-clears-major-hurdle-but-final-decision-on-keystone-pipeline-still-months-away/2013/01/23/4e6b300c-6534-11e2-889b-f23c246aa446_story.html

Reuters - Nebraska governor OKs Keystone pipeline route, but US delays decision - 1/22/13 - The Obama administration has delayed a decision on TransCanada Corp's rerouted Keystone XL oil pipeline until after March, even though Nebraska's governor on Tuesday approved a plan for part of the line running through his state. http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/01/22/16648595-nebraska-governor-oks-keystone-pipeline-route-but-us-delays-decision

CBS News - Boehner: 'No Bureaucratic Excuse' For Obama To Further Delay Keystone XL Pipeline - 1/23/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman's approval of a revised route for the Keystone XL oil pipeline puts the long-delayed project back in the hands of the federal government. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Heineman's decision leaves Obama with no other choice but to approve the pipeline. <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/01/23/boehner-there-is-no-bureaucratic-excuse-obama-can-delay-keystone-xl-pipeline-project-further/>

New York Times - Nebraska governor approves controversial Keystone oil pipeline - 1/22/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman on Tuesday approved a revised route through the state for the Keystone XL pipeline, setting up a decision for President Barack Obama that pipeline opponents say will be a crucial test of his intentions on climate change. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/22/v-print/4025121/nebraska-governor-gives-okay-to.html>

USA Today - Nebraska governor approves Keystone pipeline - 1/22/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman notified President Obama on Tuesday that he has approved the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline to traverse his state, a crucial step toward reviving the project one year after it was delayed by the Obama administration. The issue could come up at Sen. Kerry's nomination hearing. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/01/22/nebraska-governor-keystone-pipeline/1855323/>

Oil & Gas Journal - Nebraska governor approves Keystone XL pipeline's new route - 1/23/13 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman (R) notified US President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton that he has approved the proposed Keystone XL crude oil pipeline's new route across the state. Heineman asked that a final evaluation report by the state's Department of Environmental Quality be included in the State Department's supplemental environmental impact statement. <http://www.ogj.com/articles/2013/01/nebraska-governor-approves-keystone-xl-pipelines-new-route.html>

Politico - President Obama's own words turn up heat on Keystone decision - 1/22/13 -

President Barack Obama is in a pipeline pickle. The president's call for action on climate change during Monday's inaugural speech puts his upcoming decision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline in an even brighter spotlight — pitting his pledge to tackle global warming against his stated commitment to an “all of the above” energy strategy.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/obamas-own-words-may-haunt-keystone-decision-86596.html>

Washington Examiner - Neb. governor erases White House talking point by approving Keystone pipeline route - 1/22/13 -

If President Obama wants to continue blocking construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, he'll have to come up with a new justification, because the Nebraska governor has approved a new route for the project. <http://washingtonexaminer.com/nebraska-governor-erases-white-house-talking-point-by-approving-keystone-pipeline-route/article/2519363>

Environment News Service - Nebraska Governor OKs New Keystone XL Pipeline Route -

1/22/13 - Today Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman approved a new route through the state for TransCanada's Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, which avoids the environmentally-sensitive Sand Hills region. The governor's approval of the controversial pipeline is one of a series of events that will lead to a decision by President Obama whether or not to grant a Presidential Permit for the pipeline to cross the Canada-U.S. border. <http://ens-newswire.com/2013/01/22/nebraska-governor-oks-new-keystone-xl-pipeline-route/>

Canadian TV - Nebraska governor gives OK to Keystone pipeline - 1/22/13 - In a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama, Gov. Dave Heineman said he has given the pipeline his approval now that its new route partly avoids an area that environmental groups worried would be irreparably damaged. <http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/nebraska-governor-gives-ok-to-keystone-pipeline-1.1124452>

NACS Online - Nebraska Backs New Keystone Pipeline Route - 1/22/13 - The governor told the federal government that the new route for the Keystone XL oil pipeline would avoid the state's environmentally sensitive Sandhills area.

<http://www.nacsonline.com/NACS/News/Daily/Pages/ND0123133.aspx>

Christian Science Monitor - Keystone XL pipeline approved by governor, now in Obama's hands (+video) - 1/22/13 -

The governor who helped block a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline now says he's supports the project. Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman gave a green light Tuesday to a revised route for the pipeline. The decision removes a significant obstacle in the path towards realizing the controversial project.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0122/Keystone-XL-pipeline-approved-by-governor-now-in-Obama-s-hands-video>

Associated Press - Obama to Confront Oil Pipeline, Climate Change - 1/22/13 - Despite the departure of key Cabinet officials, President Obama's second-term energy policies look a lot like the first: more reliance on renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, and expanded production of oil and natural gas. <http://www.constructionequipmentguide.com/Obama-to-Confront-Oil-Pipeline-Climate-Change/19687/>

CNN - Keystone pipeline faces new hurdles - 1/23/12 - The Keystone oil pipeline may have won approval from Nebraska's governor Tuesday, but the final decision rests with President Obama. And after the heavy emphasis on climate change in his inaugural speech Monday, analysts say Obama is likely to feel even more pressure to reject the pipeline.

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/01/22/news/economy/keystone-pipeline/>

Oil Voice - TransCanada welcomes approval of Keystone XL Pipeline route through

Nebraska - 1/23/12 - TransCanada Corporation (TSX:TRP) (NYSE:TRP) welcomed news that Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman has approved the re-route of the proposed Keystone XL

Pipeline through the state.

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/TransCanada_welcomes_approval_of_Keystone_XL_Pipeline_route_th
rough_Nebraska/80cb78f929b4.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/TransCanada_welcomes_approval_of_Keystone_XL_Pipeline_route_through_Nebraska/80cb78f929b4.aspx)

BusinessWeek - Nebraska Governor Approves TransCanada's Keystone XL Route -

1/22/13 - Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman approved TransCanada Corp. (TRP)'s revised route for the Keystone XL pipeline, clearing the way for a final decision from U.S. regulators on the project that would bring Canadian oil to the Texas coast.

[http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-01-22/nebraska-governor-approves-transcanada-s-
keystone-xl-route](http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-01-22/nebraska-governor-approves-transcanada-s-keystone-xl-route)

Daily Iowan (University of Iowa) - Iowa City Environment Education Center awarded LEED platinum status -

1/23/12 - The U.S. Green Building Council awarded Iowa City's Environmental Education Center LEED platinum certification. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design designation is given to environmentally friendly buildings.

<http://www.dailyiowan.com/2013/01/23/Metro/31422.html>

Garden City Telegram - Wheatland official raises concerns about private lines -

1/23/13 - The Mississippi Lime Play, an underground formation across southern and western Kansas and northern Oklahoma, is being eyed by state and local economic development officials for its potentially huge economic impact.

[http://www.gctelegram.com/news/County-Wheatland-electric-
01-23-13](http://www.gctelegram.com/news/County-Wheatland-electric-01-23-13)

Associated Press - MidAmerican settles lawsuit, will curtail coal use -

1/22/13 - MidAmerican Energy Co. said Tuesday it agreed to stop burning coal in seven power plant boilers in Iowa and limit emissions from two others as part of a settlement with an environmental group.

[http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20130123/BUSINESS/130122049/MidAmerican-
settles-lawsuit-will-curtail-coal-use](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20130123/BUSINESS/130122049/MidAmerican-settles-lawsuit-will-curtail-coal-use)

Sioux City Journal (Iowa) - MidAmerican deal to end coal burning at 2 Sioux City-area plants -

1/23/13 - MidAmerican Energy Co. has agreed to a pollution control settlement with the Sierra Club that includes retiring two of the utility's four coal-fired plants just south of Sioux City. The move could eventually lead to fewer people working at the facilities.

[http://siouxcityjournal.com/business/local/midamerican-settlement-to-end-coal-burning-at-two-
sioux-city/article_64720b93-22a2-5052-9ca2-2c477ff7f863.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/business/local/midamerican-settlement-to-end-coal-burning-at-two-sioux-city/article_64720b93-22a2-5052-9ca2-2c477ff7f863.html)

Quad City Times - Riverside plant to switch from coal to gas -

1/23/12 - MidAmerican Energy Co. said Tuesday that it will cease burning coal at its Riverside Generating Station near Bettendorf and convert to natural gas by 2016, part of an agreement with an environmental group that had claimed violations of the federal Clean Air Act.

[http://qctimes.com/news/local/riverside-
plant-to-switch-from-coal-to-gas/article_5d4b8f40-6511-11e2-b7cd-0019bb2963f4.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/riverside-plant-to-switch-from-coal-to-gas/article_5d4b8f40-6511-11e2-b7cd-0019bb2963f4.html)

The Independent, Grand Island, Neb. - Bills coming for new water main around Parkview/Hagge subdivisions -

1/21/13 - Residents living over a plume of contaminated groundwater will soon get the final bill from Grand Island Utilities for extending a city water main there. The water mains were requested by the homeowners and the Environmental Protection Agency after the EPA offered to provide connections to city water to 45 homes.

[http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/bills-coming-for-new-water-main-around-parkview-
hagge-subdivisions/article_5def9847-ab7a-59df-8a67-a4ccb9d05327.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/bills-coming-for-new-water-main-around-parkview-hagge-subdivisions/article_5def9847-ab7a-59df-8a67-a4ccb9d05327.html)

Clinton Herald (Iowa) - Sewer accounts for most of borrowing -

1/19/13 - While city officials say they are working to deflect any future rate increases as a result of mandated sewer projects, more borrowing for these types of projects will occur in order to comply with the long-term control plan laid out by the Iowa DNR and EPA for keeping pollutants out of the Mississippi River.

<http://clintonherald.com/features/x503826865/Sewer-accounts-for-most-of-borrowing>

Associated Press - What holds energy tech back? The infernal battery - 1/23/12 - As 21st century technology strains to become ever faster, cleaner and cheaper, an invention from more than 200 years ago keeps holding it back. It's why electric cars aren't clogging the roads and why Boeing's new ultra-efficient 787 Dreamliners aren't flying high.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/01/22/4025625/what-holds-energy-tech-back-the.html>

Domestic Fuel - Coalition Urges New Farm Bill for Energy - 1/22/13 - The Agriculture Energy Coalition (AgEC) today urged Congress to begin work on a new five-year Farm Bill with strong mandatory funding for energy programs. <http://domesticfuel.com/2013/01/22/coalition-urges-new-farm-bill-for-energy/>

iAfrica - Biofuel causing world hunger - 1/21/13 - Biofuel output from agricultural commodities has contributed to surging world food prices in the past decade, says Nestle chairman Peter Brabeck-Letmathe. <http://business.iafrica.com/news/837849.html>

Greenwire - Iowa groups form coalition to promote RFS - 1/22/13 - Several Iowa agricultural organizations and companies yesterday announced they have formed a coalition to advocate for federal biofuel mandates. <http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/22/8>

Greenwire - Supreme Court declines to hear challenge to SO2 rule - 1/22/13 - The Supreme Court opted against hearing a challenge today to U.S. EPA's most recent air regulation aimed at protecting human health from short-term spikes in sulfur dioxide emissions.

<http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/22/2>

Greenwire - Court ruling casts doubt on future of EPA monitoring program - 1/22/13 - A federal court today sided with the Sierra Club in a challenge to a U.S. EPA program that exempts some new facilities from air monitoring and emissions requirements.

<http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/01/22/1>

Wichita Business Journal - Todd Tiahrt has a new green job in Colorado, report says - 1/22/12 - Former Congressman Todd Tiahrt has been hired as the CEO of Neumann Systems Group. The Colorado Springs-based company designs and builds what Tiahrt describes in the article as "green coal technology" — emissions control systems for power plants and other industrial facilities. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/news/2013/01/22/todd-tiahrt-has-a-new-job-in-colorado.html>

E&E News PM - Buffett-owned utility reducing coal use - 1/22/13 - MidAmerican Energy Co., a unit of billionaire Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and Iowa's largest energy company, is phasing out coal in seven boilers at three company power plants, according to a settlement with the Sierra Club. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/rss/2013/01/22/5>

Christian Science Monitor - Oil and climate change in the age of energy scarcity - 1/22/13 - As energy scarcity returns to civilization, we are being forced—often painfully—to become conscious once again of the energy flows in our daily life, Cobb writes.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0122/Oil-and-climate-change-in-the-age-of-energy-scarcity>

ClimateWire - Key GOP senator vows to probe agency over 'sue and settle' agreements - 1/23/13 - The top Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee yesterday raised questions about whether U.S. EPA covertly engages in agreements with environmental groups to force more stringent regulations. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/01/23/5>

E&E Daily - Republicans holding fire -- for now -- on forcing pipeline approval - 1/23/13 - Republicans in Congress welcomed yesterday's approval by Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman (R) of a new route for the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline, saying it should clear the way for President Obama to give his formal endorsement. For now, they are waiting before seeking to

force the president's hand -- but not for long. <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/01/23/3>

Brownfield Ag News - NPPC not ready to throw in the towel on stalls just yet (audio - 4:51) - 1/23/13 - You can add General Mills and Marriott International to the list of food companies calling for the elimination of gestation stalls. That brings to more than 50 the number of companies that have made such announcements. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/01/23/nppc-not-ready-to-throw-in-the-towel-on-stalls-just-yet/>

ClimateWire - New selection of large vehicles goes electric - 1/23/13 - Passenger cars have been generating much of the buzz around electrified transportation, but automakers are changing that with a suite of new electrified trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles that could soon hit the market. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/rss/2013/01/23/6>

ClimateWire - Obama's climate priorities include legislation, not just regulation - 1/23/13 - White House press secretary Jay Carney indicated yesterday that the president's second-term efforts on climate change could feature energy legislation, challenging widespread perceptions that the administration would emphasize executive actions in the pursuit of carbon policies. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/rss/2013/01/23/2>

Greenwire - Supreme Court declines to hear challenge to SO2 rule - 1/23/13 - The Supreme Court opted against hearing a challenge today to U.S. EPA's most recent air regulation aimed at protecting human health from short-term spikes in sulfur dioxide emissions. <http://www.eenews.net/public/Greenwire/2013/01/22/2>

BNA - D.C. Circuit Says EPA Cannot Disregard Mandate to Require Air Quality Monitoring - 1/23/12 - A federal appeals court Jan. 22 vacated an Environmental Protection Agency rule that exempted sources from monitoring air quality for fine particulate matter before applying for prevention of significant deterioration permits. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223949&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6c8j8w8&split=0

BNA - Environmental Groups Ask D.C. Circuit To Review EPA Decision on Air Plans - 1/23/12 - A coalition of environmental groups has petitioned a federal appeals court to examine a November 2012 decision by EPA to review state air pollution plans to ensure the states can meet emissions reduction goal. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223951&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6c8m4r8&split=0

BNA - Ohio EPA, Other State Agencies to Announce Membership of Alternative Air Association - 1/23/12 - The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and other state environmental agencies on Jan. 23 are expected to announce the membership of a new organization as an alternative to the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223941&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6c7w3a6&split=0

BNA - Supreme Court Will Not Review Decision By D.C. Circuit Upholding Sulfur Air Standard - 1/23/12 - The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 22 declined to review a federal appeals court's decision upholding EPA's sulfur dioxide air quality standard. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223937&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6c7q5n6&split=0

BNA - Energy and Commerce Committee to Target EPA, Federal Fracking Rules in New Congress - 1/23/12 - Preventing federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing, continued oversight of Environmental Protection Agency rules, and easing burdens for electricity generators, are among the top priorities for the House Energy and Commerce Committee in 2013, senior members said Jan. 22.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223954&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8r0j6&split=0

BNA - Nebraska Governor OKs Keystone Route, Presenting Obama With Difficult Decision -
1/23/12 - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman (R) approved a revised route Jan. 22 for the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline through Nebraska, removing a major hurdle for the Canada-to-Texas proposed project and increasing pressure on President Obama to approve it.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223967&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8y7z0&split=0

BNA - Vitter Asks Louisiana Attorney General to Join FOIA Request on 'Sue-and-Settle' Deals - 1/23/12 - Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) sent a letter Jan. 22 asking the Louisiana attorney general to join and expand a Freedom of Information Act request seeking all correspondence between EPA and 80 environmental groups in so-called "sue-and-settle" deals.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223946&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8d5u4&split=0

BNA - Environmental, Labor Coalition Says Attacks At Chemical Sites Could Endanger Millions - 1/23/12 - Environmental and labor groups Jan. 22 called on EPA to mandate the use of inherently safer technologies at chemical facilities after releasing a report showing that an attack at any one of hundreds of facilities could place thousands of lives at risk in U.S. cities.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223942&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8a0b2&split=0

BNA - Draft Studies Classify Petroleum Compound, Solvent as Anticipated Human Carcinogens - 1/23/12 - Draft analyses the National Toxicology Program has released of cumene, a component of petroleum, and 1-bromopropane, a widely used industrial and commercial solvent, would classify each chemical as a "reasonably anticipated" human carcinogen.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223965&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8x2d3&split=0

BNA - EPA Claims Clean Water Act Discretion Not to Impose Standards for State Waters - 1/23/12 - EPA in a court filing defended its decision not to impose water quality standards on states in the Mississippi River Basin, saying the Clean Water Act gives it discretionary authority to decide when and where to mandate the standards.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=29223956&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0d6c8r6h7&split=0

Inside EPA - Court Rejects HCFC Quota Suit - 1/22/13 - A federal appeals court has rejected chemical manufacturers' lawsuit that aimed to force changes in how EPA allocates production and import quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), a class of refrigerant chemicals, saying the court's 2010 ruling in a similar suit means it must reject the new case.

<http://insideepa.com/201301222422193/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/court-rejects-hcfc-quota-suit/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - High Court Lets SO2 NAAQS Stand - 1/22/13 - The Supreme Court is letting EPA's sulfur dioxide (SO2) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) remain in place, denying a smelting industry request to review an appeals court ruling.

<http://insideepa.com/201301222422159/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/high-court-lets-so2-naaqs-stand/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Environmentalists, Industry Weigh Suits Over EPA Combustion Air Rules - 1/22/13 - Environmentalists and industry source are suggesting they might file lawsuits over major provisions in EPA's final revised package of combustion air rules.

<http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert->

[01/23/2013/environmentalists-industry-weigh-suits-over-epa-combustion-air-rules/menu-id-132.html](http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-01/23/2013/ruling-fills-high-court-gap-on-contribution-suits-but-creates-confusion/menu-id-132.html)

Inside EPA - Ruling Fills High Court Gap On Contribution Suits But Creates Confusion -

1/22/13 - A federal appellate court ruled last month in a decision that appears to fill in gaps left open by the Supreme Court on what cost recovery mechanisms are available to parties that administratively settle their Superfund liability. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-01/23/2013/ruling-fills-high-court-gap-on-contribution-suits-but-creates-confusion/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Risk Group's Guidance To Address Uncertainty Issues In TCE Exposures -

1/22/13 - A private sector risk assessment group reviewing EPA's cleanup policy related to trichloroethylene (TCE) is drafting guidance to help regulators and consultants assess the risks of short-term exposures to the chemical. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-01/23/2013/risk-groups-guidance-to-address-uncertainty-issues-in-tce-exposures/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Appeals Court Scraps EPA Exemptions For PM2.5 Monitoring, Permitting -

1/22/13 - A federal appeals court has scrapped EPA rules allowing exemptions from fine particulate matter (PM2.5) permit and monitoring requirements if a facility's emissions are below maximum levels. <http://insideepa.com/201301222422256/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/appeals-court-scraps-epa-exemptions-for-pm25-monitoring-permitting/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Whitfield Push For Power Sector Reform May Include Focus On EPA Rules -

1/22/13 - Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's power panel, is vowing to launch talks with power companies, grid operators and others on how to remove obstacles to power generation. <http://insideepa.com/201301232422259/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/whitfield-push-for-power-sector-reform-may-include-focus-on-epa-rules/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Boxer Sees EPA Taking Key Role In Obama's Second-Term Climate Push -

1/22/13 - Senate environment committee Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) says she expects EPA to play a key role in achieving President Obama's inauguration promise to address climate change. <http://insideepa.com/201301232422260/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/boxer-sees-epa-taking-key-role-in-obamas-second-term-climate-push/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - CHP Backers Hope FERC Plan Opens Door To Large-Source Interconnection -

1/23/13 - Supporters of large industrial combined heat and power (CHP) units are hoping that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) recent proposal to speed connection of small clean energy generators to the grid will open the door to assisting larger power generators. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201301232422304/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/chp-backers-hope-ferc-plan-opens-door-to-large-source-interconnection/menu-id-202.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

1/23/13 - Visit the Science and Technology Center, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

1/24/13 - Meet and greet with Richard Baron of McCormack, Baron, Salazar Development, Inc., St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

1/24/13 - Meet with Carter Carburetor Stakeholders, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

1/29/13 - Visit the Training and Logistics Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

1/30/13 - Regional Tribal Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

2/4/13 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources/EPA Workplan Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

2/5/13 – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/6/13 - Meet and greet with Chairman Dennis Hedke, Kansas House Energy and Environment Committee, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

2/6-8/13 - Strategic Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

3/4-6/13 - Iowa State University Lecture Series – Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

4/16/13 - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

DRA:

1/30/13 - Regional Tribal Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

2/5/13 – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/7/13 - *12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Kansas City, Mo.* Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/19/13 - Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) presentation, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

SA:

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

3/4-6/13 - Iowa State University Lecture Series – Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

RA/Immediate Office

1/30/13 - Regional Tribal Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/J

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

1/23/13 - OSWER and OAM meeting with Acquisition and Superfund Programs regarding Remedial Acquisition Framework/Strategy, Regional Office. Contact: Lee Thomas, 7739

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

1/22-24/13 - Groundwater Protection Council Meeting, Sarasota, Fla. Contacts: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413, David Garrett, 7159

1/22/13 - Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy meeting, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

***1/23/13:** Meeting with city of Kansas City, Mo to discuss 87th St. project, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7431

1/24/13 - Keynote address at State Association of Kansas Watersheds, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

1/31/13 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen Mindrup, 7431; Stan Calow, 7410

2/7/13 - Missouri Water Classification Workgroup Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

***2/7/13:** Development of Nebraska Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945